(c) the number of cases under this category presently pending in the department; and

(d) by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Committee of experts set up by the Government on 23.3.2000 under the Chairmanship of Shri P. Sabanayagam had submitted its report to the Government in September 2000. After careful consideration of the report and in consultation with Reserve Bank of India and representatives of Chamber of Nidhis/Benefit Funds, the Government have finalised revised directions for Nidhi Companies which shall be notified very soon.

(c) As on 31.3.2001, 101 cases are pending at various stages.

(d) After implementation of these directions the pending applications shall be processed on merits.

Fast Track Courts in Andhra Pradesh

102. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh specifying the number of Fast Track Courts to be set up in the State to dispose Sessions cases expeditiously;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) As against the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission to set up 86 Fast Track Courts, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has already set up 25 Fast Track Courts. The State Government has been requested to set up the remaining number of courts also.